

UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H

for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

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Medical Officer of Health: R. Schofield, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector: J. Terence Iball, C. Eng., M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.H.
(at 31st December, 1965)

UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965.

To the Chairman and Members of the Up Holland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the health of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1965, compiled in the abbreviated form indicated by the Ministry of Health.

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area: 4,686 acres.

Population Estimated mid-1965 (Registrar General): 9,330.

Total Number of Houses (Census 1931): 1,199.

Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1965 according to Rate Book: 2,844.

Rateable Value: £202,780.

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate: £814.

Up Holland is chiefly an agricultural area. Other industries include brickmaking, mining and factory.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births:	(Legitimate.	114	90	204
	(Illegitimate.	2	1	3
		<u>116</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>207</u>
Still Births:	(Legitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:	(Legitimate.	1	2	3
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:	(Legitimate:	1	1	2
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age:	(Illegitimate:	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(Legitimate:	1	Nil	1
		<u>1</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>1</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	DEATHS:	44	53	97



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Birth-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1965 ... 22.2
 Death-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1965 ... 10.4

STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARATIVE STATISTICS IN RESPECT OF THE YEARS 1960 - 1965

	Live Births.	Deaths (All causes).	Stillbirths.	Maternal Mortality.	Infant Mortality.				
					Under 1 year.	Under 4 weeks.	Early Neo-natal.	Perinatal Mortality.	
	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live Births.	No. of Deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live Births.	
Year 1965	207	20.4	27	14.9	Nil	Nil	1	4.83	3
" 1964	212	21.9	24	15.2	3	14.5	2	9.4	2
" 1963	186	19.9	26	14.8	2	9.4	2	4.7	4
" 1962	168	18.7	28	13.4	4	21.5	2	10.8	6
" 1961	150	20.1	75	13.4	3	29.8	4	23.8	7
" 1960	106	14.9	66	61.9	7	20.0	1	6.7	2
						66.0	4	37.7	11
Average 5 years	-	19.1	-	13.84	-	29.34	-	17.68	-
				24.22	Nil			16.74	40.32

Adjusted : Live Birth-rate (comparability factor 0.92) = 20.4 per 1,000
 : Death-rate (comparability factor 1.43) = 14.9 per 1,000

In the next table are shown the chief causes of Death and number of Deaths from each cause in 1965, and comparative figures for the year 1964:-

<u>Cause of Deaths</u>	<u>No. of Deaths in 1964</u>	<u>No. of Deaths in 1965</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	6	8
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	2	-
Diabetes.	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	19	23
Coronary disease, angina.	21	21
Hypertension with heart disease.	1	2
Other heart disease.	14	11
Other circulatory disease.	2	2
Pneumonia.	4	2
Bronchitis.	3	2
Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	1
Congenital malformations.	-	1
All other defined and ill-defined diseases.	8	9
Motor Vehicle accidents.	-	2
All other accidents.	3	1
	<u>94</u>	<u>97</u>

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Arrangements. Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Pathological Department of the Wigan Royal Infirmary and the Public Health Laboratories at Preston. These arrangements are satisfactory. A report on every examination is made to the Public Health Department.

Ambulance Arrangements. Ambulance service in the district is provided by the Lancashire County Council. Vehicles are stationed at Billinge Ambulance Station, and highly satisfactory service is being provided.

National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951. No action under Section 47 of these Acts was taken during the year 1965 by the Authority.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The Statutory Water Undertakers are the Makerfield Water Board, and the West Lancashire Water Board.

19 samples of water from supply where treatment is installed, were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, and the results proved that 17 were satisfactory, and 2 unsatisfactory. No samples of water were sent for chemical analysis.

Regular chlorination of the water supply is carried out.

2,842 houses in the district have a piped supply of water from the main, and 2 houses obtain their supply from wells.

Drainage and Sewerage. There are, at the present time, six small sewage disposal works in the district situated at Roby Mill, Crawford, Digmaor, Tawd Bridge, Holland Moor and Dams Head. Owing to the large amount of property that has been completed within the past few years, the existing sewerage systems have been overloaded. In consequence, the whole of the sewerage disposal system throughout the district is being reviewed with a view to eradicating this problem.

Furthermore, the Chequer Lane sewerage scheme has been completed in the sum of £12,000, and a scheme for the sewerage of the Appley Bridge area was commenced and 75% completed during the year. A sewerage scheme for the Pimbo Lane area was ready to be commenced at the end of the year.

Sanitary Accommodation (at the end of 1965).

Number of Privy middens	33
Number of closets attached to these middens ...	58
Number of pail closets	47
Number of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	3
Number of moveable ashbins	2975
Number of fresh water closets	3022
Number of houses on water carriage system	2740

Under the general conversion scheme, the local authority pays a contribution of £12 towards the cost of a conversion, or bears half the cost if the total cost is less than this amount. No conversions to water closets were made in 1965.

Public Cleansing. Street scavenging and removal of house refuse are carried out by the local authority.

Privy middens and ashbins are emptied regularly and the Council's own refuse collection vehicle is engaged in the removal of refuse to controlled tips.

There is no destructor in the district.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Number of premises visited	185
Number of nuisances discovered	23
Number of nuisances abated	21
Number of Informal Notices served	32
Number of Statutory Notices served	2
Number of Legal Proceedings	1
Result of Legal Proceedings - Nuisances abated before Court Hearing.	

Camping Sites. There are none in the district.

Clean Air Act, 1956. Negotiations are still proceeding with the owners of the Ravenhead Brick Co. in connection with the provisions of the Clean Air Act, 1956.

Swimming Baths and Pools. There are none in the district.

Disinfestation of Verminous Premises. One house was found to be infested during the year, and was disinfested by fumigation with Sulphur and insecticide spray.

Insecticides are distributed from where considered necessary by the Local Authority.

A. REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	10	10
Retail shops	-	20	20
Wholesale shops, warehouse	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	13	13
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-

B. Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 45

C. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	33
Retail shops	50
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to public	54
Canteens	1
Fuel storage depot	-
Total	138
Total Males	52
Total Females	86

D. Exemptions - nil

E. Prosecutions - nil

F. No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act - 1

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

- 1. No. of rodent operatives employed - (a) Full time - Nil
(b) Part-time - 1
- 2. Action relating to rodent control during year ended 31st December, 1965:

	Non-agricultural		Agricul- tural
	Dwelling Houses	All other	
(a) No. of properties in district	2842	86	65
(b) No. of properties inspected	129	5	Nil
(c) Total inspections carried out (including re-inspections)	376	28	Nil
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major	Nil	Nil	Nil
minor	9	Nil	Nil
Mice - major	1	1	Nil
minor	13	Nil	Nil
(e) No. of infested properties treated	23	1	Nil
(f) Total treatments carried out (including re-treatments)	376	28	Nil
(g) No. of "Block" control scheme carried out	Nil	Nil	Nil

(h) Any other action - Nil.

- 3. Particulars of other infestations under the Act (Sect. 28) - Nil.

Schools.

Total number of schools in the district	...	...	... 8
Number of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces	..	Nil	
Number of schools with fresh water closets	..	...	... 8
Number of schools with dust-bins	...	...	... 8
Number of schools with drainage to public sewers	..	...	... 7
Number of schools supplied with water from mains	..	...	... 8

The facilities for handling meals at the schools are considered satisfactory.

Factories Act, 1961.

1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities:	-	-	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority:	6	6	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises):	-	-	-	-
Total	6	6	-	-

2 - Cases in which defects were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1):	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2):	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (s.4):	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6):	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient:	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective:	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes:	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

4. HOUSING.

Work on the erection of 140 dwellings comprising of terraced blocks, blocks of flats and aged persons bungalows on the Highgate Estate extension was 2/3rds completed at the end of December, 1965. Work was commenced on 7 Aged Persons bungalows in Sandbrook Road during the year.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Number of new dwellings erected during the year -

Traditional permanent houses:-

		<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats</u>
(i)	By Local Authority	75	22
(ii)	By other Local Authorities ...	Nil	Nil
(iii)	By other bodies or persons ...	65	Nil

2. Total number of dwellings owned by any Local Authority existing in district at end of year 580

3. Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)(a) Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 208

(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 221

(c) No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ... 30

(2) Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit, and in respect of which:-

(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time) 104

(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made 129

4. Houses Demolished:-

In or adjoining Clearance Areas:

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation .

(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.

(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957.

(4) Properties demolished by Development Corporation to make way for new development under New Towns Acts 1946-1965.

Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas:

(5) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17(1), Housing Act, 1957. ...

Number Demolished	Displaced during year	
	Persons	Families
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
30	40	23
16	32	12

4. (Continued).

	Number Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(6) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(7) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(8) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-

5. Unfit Houses Closed:-

	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961.	16	37	16
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	-		
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

6. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority ...	21	-
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	2	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(4) After modification or revocation of a Clearance Order under Section 21, Housing Act, 1961.	-	-
(5) After determination of a demolition order under Section 24 of the Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

7. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

	No. of houses	No. of Sep- arate dwellings contained in Column(1)
	(1)	(2)
Position at end of year:		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation -		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	-	-

8. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	No. of Houses	No. of occupants of houses in column (1)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders	-	-

9. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 -
Improvement Grants, etc:-

		Private bodies or individuals	
		No. of schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected.
Action during year:			
(a)	Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	6	6
(b)	Approved by Local Authority	1	1
(c)	Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	-	-
(d)	Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
(e)	Work completed	-	-
(f)	Additional separate dwellings incl. in (e)	-	-
(g)	Any other action taken under the Acts	- None	

10. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants:-

	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected
Action during year:	
(a) Application submitted to local authority for improvement to (1) full standard	4
(11) reduced standard	3
(b) Total applications approved by Local authority for improvement to (1) full standard	4
(11) reduced standard .	2
(c) Work completed	8
(d) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings - Nil.	

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply. Four samples of milk were taken during the year and all proved satisfactory.
2. Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963. There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district, and no samples of liquid egg were submitted to Alpha-Amylase test.
3. Meat. There are no private slaughterhouses in the district at the present time.
4. Food Poisoning. No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.

5. Ice Cream. There is one Ice Cream manufacturer in the district. The premises have been inspected regularly and found to be satisfactory. Licences are issued for the sale of wrapped ice-cream on application being approved and premises found to be satisfactory on inspection. 4 samples of ice cream were taken during the year - all being Grade 1.
6. Byelaws. The number of food premises, by type of business, in the district at the end of the year:-

General Grocers and Provision Dealer	...	...	...	31
Green Grocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	3
Meat Shops	...	...	...	4
Bakers and/Or Confectioners	...	...	...	1
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	3
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	23

The number of food premises, by type, registered under S.16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, or under local acts were:-

Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	1
Preserved Meats	...	...	...	...	4

During the year special examinations of food stocks or consignments were carried out, and the following were condemned:

Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	38lbs.
Tinned Ham	...	...	...	...	5lbs.

The method of disposal of condemned food is by depositing on the local authority's refuse tip.

7. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During 1965 cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital treatment were removed to Whelley Hospital or Astley Sanatorium.

No cases of Diphtheria or Dysentery were notified during the year.

24 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year, and only 2 of Whooping Cough, together with 117 cases of measles of a mild type.

Free immunisation against Diphtheria and other diseases is provided. The following table shows the number of persons resident in Up Holland who were immunised and vaccinated during 1965:-

<u>Type</u>	<u>Pre-School Children</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Triple Antigen (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough & Tetanus			
Primary	187	3	-
Re-Inforcement	-	10	-
Combined Antigen (Diphtheria & Tetanus			
Primary	1	7	-
Re-Inforcement	1	301	-
Poliomyelitis Vaccination			
Primary	173	13	-
Re-Inforcement	31	93	-
Smallpox Vaccinations:-			
Primary	73	-	-
Re-Inforcement	1	-	-

Disinfection. Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Local Authority. Dwelling houses are dealt with on removal of cases to Hospital or release from isolation of infectious cases.

During 1965, no houses were disinfected.

	Total cases all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	25 and over	Total Deaths	Total cases remov- ed to Hosp- ital.	Deaths in Hospital
Scarlet Fever.	24	-	.1	2	1	3	16	1	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	117	16	18	14	14	14	39	1	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Non-paralytic).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over						
Acute Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	-	-	-	-	1				-	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	-
Encephalitis (Post-Infectious).	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	-
Paratyphoid fevers.	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS. This service is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, and the Up Holland cases attend the Chest Clinic, Millgate, Wigan.

Five new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during 1965; these being 4 cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis, and 1 other. One death from Tuberculosis occurred during the year.

The following table shows the new cases of Tuberculosis in age groups:

Age Periods	New cases			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	1	-	-
25-	1	-	-	-
35-	-	-	-	-
45-	1	-	-	-
55-	-	1	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-
75 & upwards-	-	-	-	1
	2	2	-	1
Total	4		1	

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
 Yours faithfully,
 R. SCHOFIELD,
 Medical Officer of Health.

